

NMSU Faculty Senate Chair Report

Summer 2020, by Julia Parra & Vice Chair Susan Beck

Assignment Advisory Group (AAG) meetings

- Proposed Revisions - [ARP 15.81 –Web Governance](#) - Approved at UAC
- Proposed Amendment related to pandemic emergency no trespass - [ARP 16.21 - No Trespass Directive](#) - approved at UAC

Associate Deans Council (ADC) meetings

- Curriculum/Program analysis tools have been discussed--Curricular Analytics, *these would be the types of tools used to examine programs*
- Distance Education (Sherry Kollmann introduction)

Associate Deans' Academic Council (ADAC)

- *New Bookstore - Follett shared a presentation, plans to share with faculty. Updates as follows:*
 - *June 17 was the new contract date, June 30 an email from University Communications has gone out with initial details.*
 - *Email 2218mgr@follett.com with adoptions for Summer 2 and Fall even if already did with Enlight, DACC is 2219mgr@follett.com*
 - *Collin King, the previous store manager with B&N, has been hired with Follett and will be managing the bookstore still.*
 - *We are still able to do the First Day program. When adopting books we just need them to specify that they would like it on First Day.*
 - *The website isn't the same as it was before so please let students know that they can go to www.NMSUStore.com to order their books.*
- *International Graduate Students - If preparing online courses for international students, need to send to Graduate School the ones designated.*
- Distance Education (Sherry Kollmann introduction) -Asked how communication would be best and recommended some vertical meetings with Colleges.
- *Fall Schedule Updates* from Academic Colleges. Schedule is mostly hybrid and sync online courses. I had to leave at this point.

University Administrative Council (UAC) meetings

- See the [University Administrative Council](#) site for minutes and UAC information
- Discussed upcoming, now past Legislative Session and the possibilities, VC Beck will share actual Budget Conversation at this time in her reporting

Board of Regents (BoR) meetings

- See the [Board of Regents](#) site for information, former Chair Corran submitted Faculty Senate report, at the time the legislative summer session was pending, 3% tuition was approved

Other items and activities

- **Faculty Senate Boot Camp** requested, please share in chat if this sounds like a good idea and topics you would like covered, ie. Review of Constitution, Bylaws, and Beyond the Bylaws; Proposition Process; Senate Leadership, FS shares online course design; etc.
- **Tiger Teams-**
 - Parra chairing Return to Campus Tiger Team: Ensuring a Welcoming and Supportive Faculty Experience - email juparra@nmsu.edu any concerns, questions, or solutions you have in returning to campus in the

fall. Please review the [NMSU Ready](#) page - this has the link to the Return to Campus Plan which is subject to change and has updates every Tuesday as noted by the reports on the bottom of the page.

- Please remember - [NMSU Keep Teaching](#)

○ Tiger Team Academic Experience - VC Beck is on this TT

- **Faculty appointments task force**--Report forthcoming and will require Provost approval. Two initiatives that will require Faculty Senate work. 1. Recommend Distinguished Professor category with definition and development of this new category to come from Faculty Senate; 2. Task Force has made recommendations on several other categories that will need P&T guidelines updates, specifically College and Research Faculty appointments. These will require Faculty Senate to work on as well.

- **Propositions**

○ [06-19/20](#): Memorial in support of NMSU's Land Acknowledgement Statement - Signed by President. As a reminder, this is a living document that was agreed requires continued attending.

- Recommend edit to proposition regarding schedule language and addressing anything new.
- From Senator Hamilton- I'm going to share this with the theatre arts department so that we may use it before special events and perhaps for the first day of class every semester. I would encourage everyone to find ways to vocally implement the acknowledgement in your own departments. Over the summer, I've been attending professional webinars, forums, conferences, etc. in the theatre community - nationally and internationally. And the current movement is all attendees introduce their names, pronouns, and acknowledge the keepers of the land where they residing. (utilizing the chat box). This is the website used for participants to find more information: <https://native-land.ca/>

○ Proposition [09-19/20](#) A Proposal to Implement a Uniform Grading Framework Across the NMSU System - as reported earlier, Parra will follow up with student leadership, Survey goes out week of September 15, 2020.

○ Proposition [17-19/20](#) Memorial in support of university-wide tenure track extension - Gloria routed on May 15, courtesy email sent, Parra followed up with Provost on Monday, July 29.

- **Two Fall Faculty Surveys** - Constitution edits - timeline TBD, Faculty Grievances Review Board Elections - survey goes out week of August 17, 2020.

- **Budget News**

○ A report of the summary of impacts to NMSU as a result of the legislative Special Session can be found on the [Office of Government Relationships](#) site

- [Schools upset over 'CARES Act Swap'](#) (AbqJournal article)

- The next [NMSU Town Hall](#) on July 9, 2020 will focus on the budget

- Parra understanding -

- Before Covid and summer special session, Last year was used as base budget, 2% added for Comp pay and expectation that we identify the matching 2% for the 4% originally discussed
- 3% tuition was approved, 6% was requested
- Special session - the comp was taken out, the CARES swap was made, in essence, 10% cut related to the I&G (1 of 3 major parts of budget - IG, research, tuition), so if our IG budget is 180 million, looking at approx 18 million cut, the envisioned scenario planning from the spring now moves to reality scenario planning and implementation

- I would note that in my dept, I received an update as follows, I'm interested if you have received any details:

- There will be an 11 % decrease in funding with last year and other items (enrollment and dorms). This cut translates to \$12 million.
- Each college will be taking a cut. TBD
- Was suggested that as one option for our college should cuts need to be made that programs should be reviewed in alignment with HLC to determine how to place programs and people should cuts take place.

- *Note that this is a result of the intersection of crisis...* How can you participate? What do you control? For one, it's a good time for self and team reviews of programs and courses, good time to do the instructional design work and take your courses online, thus you are prepared for any outcome
- I'll put out a full Faculty Update email early next week.

Next Meetings

The first SLC and full senate meetings for Fall 2020 are:

Senate Leadership Committee:	Thursday, August 27th
Faculty Senate:	Thursday, September 3rd

Committees:

Faculty Affairs:	Tuesday, Sept. 8
Long Range Planning:	Thursday, Sept. 10
Scholastic Affairs:	Tuesday, Sept. 15
University Affairs:	Thursday, Sept. 17

Of note, there is a calendar on the [NMSU Faculty Senate](#) site but you need to be logged in to your VPN. Any committee chair needing help with Zoom, please contact me. I am happy to host for you.

All meetings start at 4pm and will be held virtually in Zoom for Fall 2020. Senators, when you enter, please rename and include Senator to the beginning of your name. Anyone coming in with a phone number, please identify yourself and get help editing your name.

Remember to rename yourself to include Senator before your name. You can do this with the rename feature next to your name in the Participants box.

Thank you for your continued investment in the work of the [NMSU Faculty Senate](#). If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please email Julia Parra at juparra@nmsu.edu or call 575.646-1767 or email Susan Beck at susabeck@nmsu.edu or call at 575-640-0072.